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GOVERNMENT OF TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

Dated Trivandrum, 15th August, 1956.

Sub: THE KERALA SAHITYA AKADEMI.

No. ED(D)3-235|56|ED. Whereas it is considered expedient to establish an organisation to work actively for the development of the Malayalam Language and the advancement of its literature, and to co-operate in these matters with the Sahitya Akademi inaugurated by the Government of India, it is hereby ordered as follows:

A Literary Akademi for Malayalam to be called "The Kerala Sahitya Akademi" shall be established.

2. The head-quarters of the Akademi shall be at Trivandrum but may be shifted to another place by a resolution supported by three-fourths of the total membership of the General Council.

3. Organisation:

(a) The Akademi shall be a body corporate, shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(b) It may purchase land or property of other kinds and maintain, sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of it.

4. The Akademi shall have the following powers and functions, namely:—

(a) to undertake schemes for the development of the Malayalam language and its literature,

(b) to promote co-operation among men of letters for the development of literature,

(c) to encourage literary work, both creative and critical,

(d) to promote research in the field of language and literature,

(e) to educate the public taste in literary matters,

(f) to establish uniformity in spelling and to maintain correct standards,

(g) to bring out standard editions of classical works in Malayalam and to study the history of the language and its literature,

(h) to encourage the comparative study of Dravidian languages with a view to understanding the evolution of Malayalam,

(i) to encourage, and, if necessary, to arrange for, translations of literary works from other languages, Indian and Foreign,

(j) to promote production of reference books and books of general knowledge (like encyclopaedias, bibliographies, histories of literature etc.),

(k) to sponsor production of books on technology and modern Sciences,

(l) to encourage the production of children's literature and books for the Neo-literates,

(m) to award prizes and distinctions and to give recognition to individual writers and poets for outstanding work, creative or critical,

(n) to grant financial assistance to literary men in indigent circumstances who have done notable service to the cause of language and literature,

(o) to promote mutual understanding with other similar organisations by cultural exchanges,

(p) to promote the study of folk-lore, folk-literature and regionalisms,

(q) to sponsor or hold literary conferences and exhibitions, and

(r) to do all such other acts as may be necessary to further its objectives.

5. *Officers of the Akademi.*

There shall be the following officers:—

(1) A President,

(2) A Vice-President,

(3) A Treasurer, and

(4) A Secretary.

6. *The President.*

The President shall be appointed by Government and shall hold office for a term of five years.

7. *The Vice-President.*

The Vice-President shall be elected by the General Council of the Akademi from among its members, provided that he may be nominated by Government for a period of five years to begin with.

In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall exercise the functions and powers of the President.

8. *The Treasurer.*

The Finance Secretary shall be Treasurer of the Akademi exofficio.

(a) The Treasurer shall, subject to the control of the Executive Committee of the Akademi, manage the property and investments of the Akademi. He shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual estimates and statements of the accounts and for their presentation to the Executive Board and to the General Council.

(b) Subject to the powers of the Executive Committee, he shall be responsible for seeing that all moneys are expended for the purposes for which they are allotted.

(c) He shall sign all contracts made on behalf of the Akademi.

(d) He shall also exercise such other powers as may be given to him by the Executive Board.

(e) The receipt of the Treasurer or the person duly authorised in this behalf by the Executive Committee for any money paid into the Akademi shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

9. *The Secretary.*

(a) The Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Akademi and appointed by Government. The Secretary to Government in the Education Department shall, for the time being, be the Secretary of the Akademi.

The Secretary shall be exofficio Secretary of the General Council, the Executive Committee and all other standing committees that may be set up by the Executive Committee or the General Council.

(b) The Secretary shall be the custodian of the records and shall be in general charge of such other property of the Akademi as the Executive Committee may commit to his charge.

(c) The Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the Akademi.

(d) He shall convene meetings of the Executive Committee, the General Council and all other committees.

(e) He shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the authorities of the Akademi and of all committees appointed by any of those authorities.

(f) He shall also maintain the accounts of the Akademi under the supervision of the Treasurer.

10. *Authorities of the Akademi.*

There shall be the following authorities of the Akademi, namely:—

(1) The General Council, and

(2) The Executive Committee.

11. *The General Council.*

The General Council shall be composed of the following:—

(a) The President.

(b) The Vice-President.

(c) The Treasurer.

(d) The Secretary.

(c) 30 members (excluding exofficio members) of whom 20 shall be nominated in the first instance. They shall hold office for a period of 5 years. The remaining 10 members will be nominated on the reorganisation of the States and formation of the Kerala State. The 20 members shall consist of:

(i) 12 members nominated by Government to represent the profession of letters,

(ii) Two representatives of the University nominated by the University,

(iii) One representative of the Samasta Kerala Sahitya Parishat nominated by the Parishat,

(iv) Five persons elected in their individual capacity by the General Council.

Provided that in the first instance all these members may be nominated by Government for a period of 5 years.

(v) The Secretary to Government in the Education Department, and the Director of Public Instruction, who will be exofficio members.

12. *Functions of the General Council:—*

The General Council shall have the following functions and powers, namely:—

(a) to elect the Vice-President from among its members,

(b) to elect members of the Executive Committee in accordance with paragraph 14,

(c) to consider and approve programmes and specific projects proposed by the Executive Committee,

(d) to frame its own rules and bye-laws,

(e) to recognise literary associations,

(f) to elect men of letters of outstanding merit as fellows of the Akademi.

13. *Meetings of the General Council.*

The General Council shall ordinarily meet once every year at its Headquarters on a date to be fixed at the previous meeting. Special meetings may be convened at any other time by the President on his own initiative, or at the request of not less than two-thirds of the entire membership of the General Council.

14. *The Executive Committee.*

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following Members:—

(1) The President
(2) The Vice-President
(3) The Treasurer
(4) The Secretary
(5) Two members nominated by the Government from among the members of the General Council, and
(6) Three members elected by the General Council from among its members.

15. *Functions of the Executive Committee.*

The Executive Committee shall have the following functions and powers, namely:—

(a) to exercise the executive authority of the Akademi,
(b) to supervise and control the work of the Akademi and its office,
(c) to prepare programmes and specific projects, and implement them with the approval of the General Council,
(d) to present the annual budget of the Akademi before the General Council for their approval, and
(e) to appoint the members of the staff other than the Secretary.

Provided that in the first instance members of the staff shall be appointed by the Government for a period of 5 years,

(f) to scrutinise the budget of the Akademi.

16. *General.*

The General Council may by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members present and voting, request the Government to amend these Proceedings, in such manner as the General Council may decide.

By order of His Highness
the Raj Pramukh,

K. K. RAMANKUTTY,

Education Secretary.

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NOTIFICATION

No. Ed(D)3-235|56|ED. *Dated Trivandrum, 15th August 1956.*

Government are pleased to nominate the following ladies and gentlemen to the General Council of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi established by Resolution No. ED(D)3-235|56|ED. dated 15-8-1956:—

1. Shri K. M. Panikkar — *President.*
2. „ Vallathol Narayana Menon — *Vice-President.*
3. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Travancore University.
4. Smt. Lalithambika Antharjanam, Ramapuram, Meenachil.
5. Shri G. Sankara Kurup, Retired Professor, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.
6. „ Sooranad Kunjan Pillai, Editor, Malayalam Lexicon, Trivandrum.
7. „ N. Gopala Pillai, Principal, Sanskrit College, Trivandrum.
8. Dr. Bhaskaran Nair, Professor University College, Trivandrum.
9. Shri Puthezath Raman Menon, Trichur.
10. „ Attoor Krishna Pisharody, Trichur.
11. „ G. Vaidyanatha Aiyar, Professor, Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum.
12. Professor Joseph Mundasseri, Trichur.
13. Shri M. P. Appan, Trivandrum.
14. Rev. Fr. C. K. Mattom, Kuravilangad.
15. Dr. L. A. Ravi Varma, Trivandrum.
16. Smt. Ambadi Karthiayani Amma, Ernakulam.
17. Shri Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai, Thakazhi.

Ex Officio Members.

18. Finance Secretary to Government, Travancore-Cochin.
19. Secretary to Government, Education Department.
20. Director of Public Instruction, Travancore-Cochin.

By order of His Highness
the Raj Pramukh,

K. K. RAMANKUTTY,

Education Secretary.

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